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## PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to examiner's action mailed September 28, 1998, be extended for three months to and including March 29, 1999.

Enclosed is the required fee of \$435. Please apply any other charges or any credits to our deposit account number 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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